

Hat Trick for John Floody in the Mervue Equine Leinster Summer Tour in Ravensdale

John Floody dominated the 1.35m Mervue Equine Leinster Summer Tour in Ravensdale, claiming three of the top placings. Floody took the win when he delivered a double clear in 31.62 with Ballyknock Diamond. Owned by Denyse Hughes, the 13-year-old gelding is by Jacomar and out of the Touchdown sired mare, Ballinlock. Floody also took second place for good measure, when he was fractions behind aboard Donevan Erkindale in 31.92.

Kildare's Stephen Murphy and Chantelle left nothing to chance and they came home with nothing to add in 33.43. Dublin rider Savannah Marshall and her own Flambeau, opted for the longer routes and it paid dividends, as she crossed the line clear in 35.02. Slotting into fifth place was Rhys Williams and Cowboy Balou, when clear in 35.25. Floody completed the hat trick when he partnered Accidental Diamond to a clear in 35.70 seconds for sixth place.

1.20m

County Down rider Kirsten Farr took the honours in the 1.20m division, when she delivered the winning round of clear in 26.24 seconds aboard her own Asper Bogibo z. Owned by Farr, the 16-year -old Zangersheide gelding is by John Z and out of Umbra.

Aoife Healion's clear with the Patrick Kirwin owned Equita, in 27.19 saw her take second place, ahead of Dermott Lennon and All Pleasure Hero 11, who also kept the poles in place, albeit in a slower time of 29.96. Edward Little accounted for fourth place with the Kevin Byrne owned Drumiller Daytona, clear in 31.09, while junior rider, Alex Finney and the Gerry Marron owned Absolutely Kingmar Z, took fifth when clear in 31.34. Completing the top six- line up was Sam El Dahan and WKD Valencia, clear in 31.56.

1.10m

Kildare rider Juliana Soromenho emerged victorious in the 1.10m division, when she crossed the line with nothing to add with her own Leonardo Dondoctro in a time of 22.63 seconds. Little separated the next placing as Aoife Healion and the Patrick Kirwin owned Equita crossed the line in 22.65. Following on from a great show in Mullingar, after winning two finals, Aileen Mc Dermot, slotted into third place when she delivered a clear with Amber Balou, in 22.78. Fellow amateur rider, Kevin O' Reilly who was also in the ribbons at Mullingar slotted into fourth place with Furore S, when they kept all the poles in place in 24.43 seconds. Fifth place belonged to Gavin Smith and Annaghmore Omard Balladee, who delivered a clear in 25.09, ahead of Mary Mc Shane and MMS Loreal, clear in 25.65 seconds.

